

EMPRESS IN POWER

Report That She Again Controls the Situation in Peking.

A NEW PRIME MINISTER

General Yung Lu Selected for the Important Office.

THANKS FOR LOYAL VICEROYS

Restored Ruler Recommends That Foreigners Be Protected at Any Cost—Von Ketteler Said to Have Been Slain by Prince Ching's Troops, Which Became Uncontrollable—A Despatch From Tientsin Asserts That Europeans at the Capital Have Seized the Fourth Prince's Palace, Where Native Christians Are Sheltered—Tidings Arouse Hope in the English Capital

LONDON, July 10.—A Shanghai despatch to a news agency, under today's date says: "The Empress Dowager is again in control at Peking. She resumed the reins of Government on June 30. The Empress at once appointed General Yung Lu Prime Minister.

"News to this effect arrived here from official sources at 10 o'clock last night. It was received with rejoicing by the foreigners.

"It is said that the Empress sent a despatch to Nanking by swift courier thanking the Viceroy of the Yangtze Kiang provinces for their loyalty and recommending that they protect foreigners at any cost."

Another report of the assassination of Baron Von Ketteler, the German Minister, is to the effect that he was murdered by a Manchurian regiment, which was nominally commanded by Prince Ching, who is apparently trying to protect the foreigners. But the Chinese say the regiment had got beyond Prince Ching's control. If this is true, it discounts Prince Ching's ability to aid the legations.

Arouse a Slight Hope.

Although the tidings from Shanghai are received with reserve, owing to the numerous contradictory reports emanating from there since the Boxer rebellion began, there is a tendency to hope that the wreck and slaughter in Peking have not been complete; that some of the legations are standing; and that a number of the foreign ministers have been saved from the adherents of Prince Tuan.

The assertion that the Empress Dowager has resumed control, following closely upon the announcement that Prince Ching, backed by a loyal army, is protecting the foreigners, has given ground for the slight revival of hopefulness apparent in England today.

Admitting that the usurper Tuan has been ejected from imperial power, the restoration of the Empress Dowager must have been accomplished by the army under Prince Ching. If the events alleged have occurred, the anxious world should be supplied with accurate information from Peking direct. If such information is not soon received, the report of Ching's defense of foreigners and the resumption of power by the Empress Dowager must be thrown aside with the great mass of false despatches that have been sent out of China during the past few weeks. If the Empress Dowager has, through the military offices of Prince Ching, succeeded in saving any of the foreigners who were shut up in Peking, some one of the powers ought soon to receive a despatch giving an inkling as to what has really transpired in the Chinese capital. Europe is eagerly awaiting such a message.

A Foreign Victory Reported.

A despatch from Tientsin, dated July 3, via Chefoo, July 7, says it is reported from Chinese sources that the Europeans in Peking have seized the fourth prince's palace, commanding the British Legation, where the native Christians are sheltered.

AMERICANS REPORTED SAFE.

Reassuring Advice Concerning Those in Tientsin.

NEW YORK, July 10.—The International Committee of the Young Men's Christian Association received a cable message from Shanghai this morning, containing the assurances that all the Americans in Tientsin were safe, but affording no explanation of the strange silence of Robert R. Galloway, the committee's secretary stationed at Tientsin, from whom nothing has been heard since the trouble in China arose.

The cable message was not signed. It is believed to have been sent by Robert E. Lewis, the committee's secretary at Shanghai.

TROOPS ILL WITH CHOLERA.

Second Coolie Battalion Unable to Go to China.

SIMLA, July 10.—The departure of the second battalion of coolie troops for China has been abandoned because of an outbreak of cholera among them.

Train for Chesapeake Beach, 5 P. M.

B. & O. Week-End Country Excursions.

Tickets sold Saturdays and Sundays, for return until Monday following, at reduced rates from Washington to Chesapeake Beach, Annapolis Junction, and intermediate points.

Plastering Laths, \$3.00; Best Laths at Lower Prices at Friendly Corner, 6th and N.Y. ave.

JAPAN'S POSITION IN CHINA.

Statement Concerning Her Communications With Great Britain.

LONDON, July 10.—In the House of Commons today Under Foreign Secretary Brodrick stated that Japan had imposed no conditions or stipulations about the employment of her troops in China.

The communications between Great Britain and Japan respecting an increase of the force required at Taku began on June 12, and had continued since without interruption. On June 22 the Government of Great Britain sent an earnest telegram to the British Charge d'Affaires at Tokyo, urging him to inform Japan of the critical condition of the legations and the pressing needs of immediate action.

In reply to a question Mr. Brodrick said the Government was not aware that Russia was re-enforced to the plan of having Japan send re-enforcements to China.

PARIS, July 10.—It is learned on high Japanese authority that Japan never sought a mandate to go ahead in China. On the contrary, that country was anxious to avoid any such mandate, owing to a lack of funds sufficient for the purpose.

This authority added that the situation was far different from that existing after the China-Japanese war. China is now strongly armed and prepared to fight, and

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Instructions Issued by Secretary Hay to All Our Ambassadors and Ministers.

Department of State, Washington, July 3, 1900.

"In this critical posture of affairs in China it is deemed appropriate to define the attitude of the United States as far as present circumstances permit this to be done. We adhere to the policy initiated by us in 1857, of peace with the Chinese nation, of furtherance of lawful commerce, and of protection of lives and property of our citizens by all means guaranteed under extraterritorial treaty rights and by the law of nations. If wrong be done to our citizens, we propose to hold the responsible authors to the utmost accountability.

"We regard the condition at Peking as one of virtual anarchy, whereby power and responsibility is practically devolved upon the local provincial authorities. So long as they are not in overt collusion with rebellion and use their power to protect foreign life and property, we regard them as representing the Chinese people with whom we seek to remain in peace and friendship.

"The purpose of the President is, as it has been heretofore, to act concurrently with the other powers, first, in opening up communication with Peking and rescuing the American officials, missionaries, and other Americans who are in danger; secondly, in affording all possible protection everywhere in China to American life and property; thirdly, in guarding and protecting all legitimate American interests; and fourthly, in aiding to prevent a spread of the disorders to the other provinces of the Empire and a recurrence of such disasters.

"It is of course too early to forecast the means of attaining this last result, but the policy of the Government of the United States is to seek a solution which may bring about permanent safety and peace to China, preserve Chinese territorial and administrative entity, protect all rights guaranteed to friendly powers by treaty and international law, and safeguard for the world the principle of equal and impartial trade with all parts of the Chinese Empire.

"You will communicate the purport of this instruction to the Minister for Foreign Affairs."

M'DONALD'S LAST MESSAGE.

Advice to the British Foreign Office Dated June 12.

LONDON, July 10.—In the House of Commons this afternoon Under Foreign Secretary Brodrick said the last message received by the Foreign Office from Sir Claude MacDonald, the British Minister at Peking, was on June 12, three days after

the restoration of order will prove a most difficult and costly task, far exceeding Japan's resources. English diplomacy has departed from its traditional reserve in putting forward Japan as the European mandatory without previously requesting Japan's consent.

M. Delcasse, the Minister of Foreign Affairs, knew this when he was speaking on the subject in the Chamber of Deputies, but he was too diplomatic to bluntly declare the same. It is thought now that it is known to be a certainty that Japan only desires to act on an equal footing with the other powers.

THE NEW YORK DEMOCRATS.

Resting Before Taking Up the Empire State Campaign.

NEW YORK, July 10.—The Democratic politicians who attended the Kansas City Convention will rest a few days before they begin campaign work. It is understood by the New York Democrats that the National Committee will not open any headquarters or branch office in the East this year and that the entire campaign will be conducted from Kansas City. The National Committee will enlarge the quarters now occupied in Chicago when the campaign is formally opened.

The gold Democrats of the East are divided as to their policy for this campaign and the question is not yet settled. The National Committee of that organization meets in Indianapolis. The impression prevails, however, that the organization will not place a ticket in the field.

THE GOLD DEMOCRATS.

Not Likely to Put a National Ticket in the Field.

LOUISVILLE, July 10.—It was announced here today that there had been a rapid change of sentiment among gold Democrats relative to the advisability of putting a national ticket in the field. At the coming meeting of the National Committee in Indianapolis, according to General Barker's secretary, resolutions will be adopted which will result in the Indianapolis platform, condemning the Evans administration, declaring that the election of Mr. Bryan would be a menace to the country and pledging that all Gold Democrats are loyal to the United States.

Troops for China Service.

Adjutant General Corbin today issued the following statement from General MacArthur, dated Manila, July 9, 10:40 p. m., as to the regiments which will leave Manila for Taku at once:

"Daggett's Regiment (Fourteenth United States Infantry), Kelly's Battery (Fifth Artillery), leave 13th for

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RUSSIAN MEN TO CHINA

Another Optimistic Despatch From Goodnow Discredited.

He Reports Having Learned From Chinese Officials That the Foreign Legations in Peking Were Standing on July 5—Disregarding All Alleged Information From Such Sources, the War Department Proceeds With Its Plans to Send a Large Force to Taku—General MacArthur Says That Infantry and Artillery Will Leave Manila on Friday.

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The news today from Lincoln, where there were gathered yesterday the men who will conduct the Democratic campaign, indicates beyond peradventure that the Hon. Charles A. Towne will decline the Populist nomination for Vice President and thus remove all fear of a division of strength of the reform forces pledged to Mr. Bryan's support.

At Kansas City Mr. Towne conducted himself in a manner which won for him the respect of every body. He had good reason to believe that he would be nominated by the Kansas City Convention for Vice President, but when it became evident that this honor was not to be his he accepted the inevitable with manly and patriotic resignation.

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Representatives of the opposition press dogged his footsteps from the moment he arrived at Kansas City until he departed, vainly endeavoring to nag him into some expression of disappointment or criticism. The most artful means were employed to trap him into some utterance upon which there could be hinged an arraignment of Mr. Bryan and the Democratic managers for playing him false. But Towne was proof against everything of this nature. There can be no doubt all of the man's sincerity. Nor can there be any doubt of the sacrifice he made when he quit the Republican party four years ago. His whole course during the past four years indisputably indicates his earnest desire to aid in bringing about a change in the administration of the Government. This being true, there is no question of Towne's sincerity.

Mr. Bryan's attitude toward Mr. Towne undoubtedly will soothe whatever feeling of disappointment may exist in the ranks of the dominant class of Populists, meaning those who were represented at the Sioux Falls Convention. Mr. Bryan wanted Towne nominated at Kansas City, and therefore he cannot be held responsible for the defeat of the Minnesota man. It is confidently expected that when the Notification Committee of the Sioux Falls Convention officially calls upon Mr. Towne during the next two weeks he will decline the nomination, giving therefor such sound reasons that his action heartily will be applauded by the great mass of Populists.

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the stump for Bryan, and the readers of this paper were prepared for his dramatic performance at the Democratic National Convention.

It is expected that very soon the Administration will make a vicious attack upon Mr. Davis, in the hope of destroying his influence in the Middle West, and especially in Kansas, but it is believed the Hannanites will be able to do him a great deal of harm.

NINE TICKETS IN THE FIELD.

The Candidates for President and Vice President Thus Far Named.

At present there are nine Presidential tickets in the field, upon three of which there appears the magic name of William J. Bryan. This is a greater number of national tickets than this generation of voters have had to choose from. They represent every phase of political sentiment, every principle, every law, every crankism, and are as follows:

Democratic—President, William J. Bryan, of Nebraska; Vice President, Adlai E. Stevenson, of Illinois. Republican—President, Theodore Roosevelt, of New York. Populist—President, Fred T. W. Ham, J. Bryan, of Nebraska; Vice President, Charles A. Towne, of Minnesota. Populist (middle-of-the-road)—President, Nelson, of Pennsylvania; Vice President, Ignatius Donnelly, of Minnesota. Social Democrats—President, Eugene V. Debs, of Indiana; Vice President, Job Harrington, of California. Prohibition—President, John G. Woolley, of Illinois; Vice President, Henry B. Metcalfe, of Rhode Island. United Christian—President, Rev. S. C. Swallow, of Pennsylvania; Vice President, John C. Woodley, of Illinois. Silver Republicans—President, William J. Bryan, of Nebraska; Vice President, Adlai E. Stevenson, of Illinois. DeLeon Socialists—President, Joseph P. Mahoney, of Massachusetts; Vice President, Valentine Remiff, of Pennsylvania.

Even when Towne declines the nomination of the Fusion Populists for Vice President, there will still be nine full-fledged tickets in the field, because Stevenson's name will be substituted for that of Towne by the National Committee of the Fusion Populists. It is barely possible that before the campaign progresses much further the Woman Suffragists will feel called upon to nominate a ticket, thus giving a total of ten tickets. There is to choose from when he marches bravely to the polls in November to exercise the highest right of the American citizen.

TO MEET IN CLEVELAND.

National Republican Executive Committee to Assemble Friday.

CLEVELAND, July 10.—It is learned that the new National Republican Executive Committee will meet at the Hotel Hamilton, Col. Windford T. Durbin, Republican candidate for Governor of Indiana, spent an hour with National Chairman Hanna yesterday discussing political affairs in that State.

The Cleveland members of the State Republican Central Committee, Fred T. and Edward Batten, left for Columbus this morning to attend the meeting of the committee. The two Cleveland members will probably vote for F. W. Durr, of Cincinnati, for permanent chairman.

TO NOTIFY ROOSEVELT.

Plans Completed for the Governors at Oyster Bay.

NEW YORK, July 10.—Governor Roosevelt arrived in this city from his home in Oyster Bay shortly before 9:30 o'clock this morning. He went immediately to the Grand Central Station and took the 10:30 train for Albany.

He will remain in Albany until tomorrow afternoon when he will return to Oyster Bay and prepare for the formal notification of his nomination as the Republican candidate for the Vice Presidency.

The Governor will make the most of the short time which he is to remain in Albany and devote it to making a personal canvass of business. He will confer with the attorney general in regard to the Gardner, Van Wyck, and Coler charges.

The plan for the notification has been practically settled. If the weather is fair, the Governor will receive his formal notification on the porch of his home. In the event of inclement weather, the ceremony will probably be held in the library.

The Governor will make a very short reply to Senator Wolcott's formal notification of his nomination. He will then deliver a few words, in which Mr. Roosevelt will express his thanks for the honor which the Republican party has conferred upon him, all references to the uses of the campaign will be avoided. The Governor, however, will deal at great length with these issues in his formal letter of acceptance which he will frame soon after his notification.

A special train will leave Long Island City on Thursday morning for the accommodation of the committee and the invited guests. The train is expected to arrive in Oyster Bay shortly after 11 o'clock. Carriages will be in waiting at the station to carry the visitors to the Governor's home.

The list of invited guests is much larger than the number of persons who were invited to attend the ceremony of Mr. Roosevelt's nomination as Governor. Citizens of Oyster Bay have not been neglected.

THE EVANS-BROWNLOW WAR.

Republicans Factions Defying Each Other in Tennessee.

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., July 10.—The Brownlow faction of the Republican party, in a letter to the Chairman of the Evans State Committee, demands the withdrawal of the Evans State ticket.

The Evans men state that they will test the matter of the relative popularity of the two tickets at the polls in November. A letter from Pension Commissioner Evans